

## REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending. In the Response and Amendment filed on March 17, 2010, Applicant canceled claims 11-14 and added new claims 15-24 are added.

Claims 1 -10 were amended as discussed in the prior paper.

However, the Examiner noticed formal errors in the amendments to claim 1(b), claim 4 and claim 4 (including omission of underlining of added language and striking/deleting of language that was not present in the claims.

Upon careful review and correction, with the assistance of Examiner Zhou in a telephone discussion of 05/24/2010, the claims are now believed to be properly marked up. For example:

- Claim 1(b): the following phrase is now underlined: “...employing at least one forward AFLP primer and at least one reverse AFLP primer;”
- Claim 1(g): the following phrase is now underlined: “...employing forward AFLP primers and reverse AFLP primers;”
- Claim 4: The language “Method according claims 1-3” is amended to read “The method according to claim 1.”
- Claim 5: The language “Method according claims 1-4” is amended to read “The method according to claim ...”

The remaining sections of the prior “Response and Amendment” from March 17, 2010, are not repeated here, and the Examiner is respectfully directed Applicant’s discussion and remarks in that paper.

Please enter and consider the above amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that all the present claims are formally proper, are novel over the cited art, comply with 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, and therefore in condition for (further examination and) allowance, and respectfully requests early notice of such favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

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